



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
PACIFIC AIR FORCES

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MEMORANDUM FOR 18 WG PERSONNEL

FROM: 18 WG/CC

SUBJECT: Off-Limits Order - Takahara Hotel "Haunted Hotel", Ishado Nakagusuku Village, Okinawa, Japan

1. **Background.** On 15 Nov 08 a member of the 18 WG was sightseeing at an abandoned hotel. During that visit he was severely injured due to physical hazards inside the hotel. I am certain continued touring will only further endanger our personnel and adversely affect their safety, health and well-being. While the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board (AFDCB) may take future action in this matter, compliance with the AFDCB's routine administrative procedures for designating an establishment as off-limits will involve delays of several months. During the interim, 18 WG personnel may be unnecessarily exposed by these hazardous conditions. Consequently, I intend to take immediate action to protect 18 WG personnel.

2. **Order.** The following venue is off-limits to all 18 WG personnel:

Takahara Hotel "Haunted Hotel", Ishado Nakagusuku Village, Okinawa, Japan; adjacent to "Nakagusuku Castle"

This order applies to all 18 WG military and civilian personnel, including Air Force Contractor personnel, and their dependents, who are permanently assigned or attached to the 18 WG.

3. **Duration of Order.** This order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until superseded or cancelled.

4. **Distribution of Order.** This order will receive the widest possible dissemination using official e-mail, Commander's Access Channel and base newspaper. Kadena AB unit CC's sponsoring Air Force units arriving for TDY on Okinawa will distribute this order to the TDY unit/CC or officer-in-charge. The 18 FSS/CC will ensure distribution to all personnel residing in lodging. The 733 AMS/CC will ensure distribution to all personnel arriving on Kadena AB via the passenger terminal.

5. **Consequences of Violating Order.** Violation of this order is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for military personnel. Civilian violators are subject to adverse administrative action, including sanctions under the Kadena Disciplinary Action Program. These sanctions may include expulsion from all military installations on Okinawa.

6. Should you have any question regarding this matter, please contact the 18 WG Safety Office at 634-7233.

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